

As a sales representative who drives over 4000 miles a month, XM Radio is a welcome relief from the monotonous and unoriginal programming currently available on local radio broadcasts. Satellite radio is a blessing from the sky versus the annoying, unoriginal, and monotonous local radio with their DJ's attempting to be funny, the same music played over and over, endless commercials screaming to buy something - particularly automobile dealers - and poor transmission signals. Unfortunately, one must subject themselves to the mindless babble in order to hear important information such as traffic and weather.

On my long drives, it's an absolute pleasure to be able to access commercial free crystal clear radio with so many venue choices. The service is well worth the monthly fee and will only be further enhanced with local information broadcasts. HR4026 is a travesty and a prime example of fat cat lobbyists attempting to squash competition through legislation. A better use of their lobbying funds would be for local broadcasters to dedicate these financial resources to improved programming. Obviously, originality is too difficult a concept for the local broadcasters to comprehend. HR 4026 clearly illustrates that it's easier - and perhaps more financially efficient - to purchase their will from Congress.